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I herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the  
☒ patent application of  
☐ continuation patent application of  
☐ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIBER BRAGG GRATING PRODUCTION

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
60/249,989 filed 11/20/00; 60/269,150 filed 2/15/01; 60/269,152 filed 2/15/01 and 60/276,651 filed 3/16/01, and  
U.S. nonprovisional application serial number not assigned - Attorney Docket 22927-7021 filed 10/29/01 and U.S.  
nonprovisional application serial number not assigned - Attorney Docket 22927-7030 filed 10/29/01  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.  
[ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [ ] contin  
[ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure  
of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

[X] 13 page(s) of specification  
[X] 8 page(s) of claims  
[X] 1 page of Abstract  
[X] 10 sheet(s) of [ ] formal [X] informal drawing(s).  
[ ] An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] A [ ] signed [ ] unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
[X] A [ ] signed [X] unsigned Declaration.  
[ ] A Power of Attorney.  
[X] Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 is still proper and desired.  
[ ] A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
[ ] Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
[ ] A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
[ ] Notification of change of [ ] power of attorney [ ] correspondence address filed in prior application.

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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In re application of:

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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR FIBER BRAGG GRATING  
PRODUCTION**

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Sir:

*Receipt date granted  
is 11/19/01. E. Jones from  
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On November 19, 2001, I attempted to file the attached patent application by depositing the application with the United States Postal Service ("USPS") by Express Mail. As indicated on the attached application transmittal form, the Express Mail label number was EL710238845US. USPS refused to accept the correspondence. On November 21, 2001, the Express Mail package enclosing the application was returned by the USPS. The returned package included a notice affixed to the package indicating that Express Mail service to certain Washington, D.C. ZIP codes has been temporarily suspended. Please let your records indicate the filing date of **November 19, 2001** for the attached application. Thank you.

Date: November 26, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, LLP

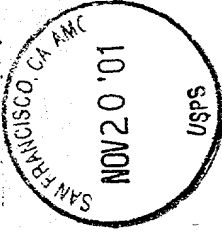
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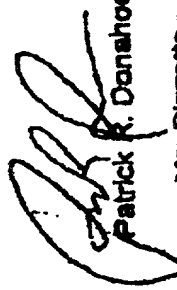
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Business customers will be advised of this suspension through the Business Service Network. You will be advised when this suspension is lifted. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Henry Pankey at (202) 268-5394.

  
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